

(c) AMOUNT FROM FISCAL YEAR 1996 FUNDS FOR
NATIONAL

DEFENSE SEALIFT FUND.—(1) Section 132 of the National
Defense
Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (Public Law 104-
106: 110
Stat. 210) is repealed.

(2) The amount referred to in section
132 of the National
Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year
1996 (as in effect imme-
diately before the repeal by paragraph (1))
shall be available to
the Secretary of the Navy for activities
relating only to advanced
submarine technology that involve the
construction of large scale
vehicles for purposes of hydrodynamic and
hydroacoustic research
on developmental designs for hulls and
propulsion systems.

(d) CONTRACTS AUTHORIZED.—(1) The Secretary of the
Navy
is authorized, using funds available pursuant to
subparagraphs

(B) and (C) of subsection (a)(1), to enter into contracts
with Electric
Boat Division and Newport News Shipbuilding, and
suppliers of
components, during fiscal year 1997 for—

(1) the procurement of long-lead components for
the fiscal
year 1998 submarine and the fiscal year 1999 submarine
under
this section; and

(2) advance construction of such components
and other
components for such submarines.

(2) The Secretary may enter into a
contract or contracts under
this section with the shipbuilder of the fiscal
year 1998 submarine
only if the Secretary enters into a
contract or contracts under
this section with the shipbuilder of the fiscal
year 1999 submarine.

(e) LIMITATIONS.—(1)(A) Of the amounts specified in
subsection Certification.

(a)(1) not more than \$100,000,000 may be obligated
until the Sec-
retary of Defense certifies in writing to the Committee
on Armed

Services of the Senate and the Committee
on National Security
of the House of Representatives that
procurement of nuclear attack
submarines described in subparagraph (B)
will be under one or
more contracts that are entered into after
competition between
Electric Boat Division and Newport News
Shipbuilding in which
the Secretary of the Navy solicits
competitive proposals and awards
the contract or contracts on the basis of
price.

(B) The submarines referred to in subparagraph (A) are
nuclear

attack submarines that are to be constructed beginning

(i) after fiscal year 1999; or

(ii) if four submarines are to be procured as provided for

in the plan required under section 131(c) of the

National

Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996

(Public Law

104-106; 110 Stat. 208). after fiscal year 2001.

(2) Of the amounts specified in subsection (a)(1), not more than \$675,000,000 may be obligated until the Under

Secretary

of Defense for Acquisition and Technology submits to the

congres-

sional committees specified in paragraph (1) a report

in writing

detailing the following:

(3) The Under Secretary's oversight activities to date, and

plans for the future, for the development and improvement

of the nuclear attack submarine program of the Navy as

required by section 131(b)(2)(C) of the

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996 (110 Stat. 207).

(4) The implementation of, and activities conducted under,

the program required to be established by the Director of the

Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency by section 131(i)

of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1996

(110 Stat. 210) for the development and demonstration of